

MINUTES

OF THE THIRD SESSION

OF THE

**Lafayette County
Baptist Association**

UNION CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 11, 1923,

Place of next meeting, New Hope Church, in north west
part of County.

To preach sermon, Wilburn Smith, Time Tuesday after
second Sunday September, 1924

PROCEEDINGS

of the

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SEPTEMBER 11, 12, 1923.

OFFICERS.

A. J. WILDS, Moderator,
ROY R. BRIGANCE, Clerk.
R. Q. LEAVELL, Treasurer.

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A. J. WILDS, Moderator.
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Ordained Preachers.

N. F. Metts, Oxford; E. M. Taylor, Taylor, Miss.; J. L. Vinson, Lafayette Springs; A. B. Royals, Taylor; Ira Metts, Como; Wilburn Smith, Oxford; R. R. Brigance, University; W. I. Hargis, University; D. F. Hoyle, Paris; Dewey Metts, Oxford.

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T. C. Kimbrough, Oxford, Chairman; Claude Anderson, Abbeville; J. D. Wooten, Oxford Route 4; Fontz Roberts, Oxford; Ellis Vaughn, Oxford; G. C. McElroy, Oxford; A. I. Turpin, Talor; R. Y. Roberts, Oxford; Jessie Deshazo, Tyro; Mrs. Florence Anderson, Water Valley; Will Fulmer, Como; Tom Brown, Oxford Route 4; Floyd Malone, Paris; J. C. Carothers, Taylor; Tilden Herring, Oxford; Bruce Mize, Oxford; R. E. Lee, Etta; O. C. Vines, Lafayette Springs; J. C. Hurdle, Taylor; J. P. Sharp, Tula..

PROCEEDINGS

The third session of the Lafayette County Baptist Association, convened with the Union (West) Baptist Church this day, September 11th, 1923 at 10:30 o'clock A. M.

The Session was opened by prayer, with Murray Taylor leading after which the 1st chapter of Acts was read. The congregation joined in singing "All Hail The Power of Jesus Name."

The following committee on committees was appointed by the Moderator: W. I. Hargis, T. W. Black, J. D. Wooten.

Dr. P. I. Lipsey, Editor of The Baptist Record, was recognized and welcomed.

CHURCHES REPRESENTED.

- Harmony—J. C. Billingsley, D. B. Cooke.
Clear Creek—B. W. Jones, Mrs. B. W. Jones, A. T. Bunch, Mrs. A. T. Bunch, Mrs. G. C. McElroy, Mrs. M. L. Waller.
Concord—J. W. Higginbotham, A. B. Royal, W. S. Savage, A. I. Turpin, Miss Vera Royal.
Taylor—C. H. Gooch, J. E. Tatum, Miss Jimmie Garrett.
New Hope—Albert Wolfe, Hulett Massie, Huston Smith, Harvey Wooten, J. N. Tyner, N. F. Metts.
Philadelphia—W. T. Hale, G. A. Bonds, George Adams.
Bluff Springs—J. L. Vinson, H. H. Bass, Mrs. Cordie Bass.
Shiloh—M. C. Vines, R. P. Crowson, D. S. Mitchell.
Yellow Leaf—A. C. Billingsley, Mrs. A. C. Billingsley, B. C. Huggins, Mrs. W. S. Fudge, Mrs. John Wolfe.
New Prospect—Miss Myrtle Houston, Miss Inez McElreath, Fred Welch, Enoc McGanagil, Clarence Brown.
Bay Springs—R. T. Holcomb, A. W. Vaugh, Miss Myrtle Littlejohn, Miss Carmen Roberts, Miss Gertrude Alderson.
Oxford—D. M. Russell, T. C. Kimbrough, R. H. McElroy, T. W. Black, Miss Sallie Bell Duncan, Miss Anna Wright, Miss Lillie Mae McElroy, Miss Marion Leavell.
Abbeville—Elbert Roy, Miss Georgia Lewis, Miss Lida Roy.

Union (West)—J. C. Carothers, Mrs. J. W. Ivy, W. H. Varner,
Charley Nichols, L. D. Jones, Miss Ruby Gray.

Tula—J. P. Sharp, W. B. Coleman, H. L. Davis, Mrs. J. P. Sharp.

Bethel—J. D. Wooten, W. D. Purvis, Mrs. W. D. Purvis.

Dillards—O. L. Gant, D. Y. Robertson, A. H. Dillard, Miss Fannie
Dulins, Miss Ila Tubbs, Miss V. V. Gant.

Cypress Creek—William Bellew, Hyarem Metts, Howard Parks.

Midway—Letter but no delegates.

There was no report presented by the Executive Committee, as this committee did not hold any meetings during the year.

First in the regular order of business was the report on Missions, which was read by W. M. Taylor. At this point Brother P. I. Lipsey addressed the Association, giving interesting views of the missionaries and messengers from many countries of the world, who assembled at the World Alliance at Stockholm, Sweden.

Before adjourning for dinner the report of Committee on Committees was read and adopted, which was as follows:

Committee on Nominations: B. W. Jones, Mrs. Cleveland McElroy, Bud Hall, B. C. Hudgins.

Committee on order of Business: The Moderator, Clerk, and Miss Ella Wright.

Committee on Resolutions: N. F. Metts, B. W. Jones, J. E. Trammell.

Committee on Digest of Letters: Murray Taylor, Louis Hall, J. C. Carothers.

Committee on Finance: A. I. Turpin, H. O. Faust, J. D. Jones.
Adjourned for dinner at 12 o'clock.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Assembled at 1:30 P. M. after enjoying a delightful dinner which was bountifully spread in the shady grove around the school.

The opening song was "How Firm a Foundation," The scripture lesson was read by D. M. Russell, Prayer by Fred Varner.

A discussion of the several phases of the Mission Report was led by Murray Taylor. Verbal reports were made by the messengers who represented the various Sunday Schools, and these reports in concert rang out with one clear note "A distressing need of trained and consecrated leadership in our Sunday School."

A stirring discussion and report was made by T. C. Kimbrough on the importance of laymen's work in our Christian Program, and he pointed out the crying need and call for laymen to help in churches and Sunday Schools.

The B. Y. P. U. report was read discussed by Harvey Wooten. Report on Publication spoken to by Brother Lipsey, the Editor.

of our Baptist Record, and he brought the great necessity of our Baptist people being an informed people: information comes before inspiration, and impression before expression. If our people should read one or all of our three main publications, The Baptist Record, our state paper, The Home and Foreign Field, and other of denominational papers, our vision would be enlarged and our activities would be increased.

After these able and interesting discussions, the Mission Report was adopted.

A Resolution on a Budget Plan to succeed the Seventy-five Million Campaign was read by A. J. Wilds.

All the messengers and visitors of the Association were greatly impressed with and enjoyed the beautiful Pageant which was rendered by members of the Oxford B. Y. P. U. The needs of our work were forcefully presented and the need of carrying out our program and the way in which it can be done was brought to the attention of all.

In addition to the strong argument presented by the attractive pageant, Aubry Wilds and D. M. Russell discussed the Budget Plan and Stewardship report which were included in the Resolution that was read by Aubry Wilds. After which the resolution was adopted.

Adjourned to 7:30. Dismissed by Elmer Taylor.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Assembled at 7:30 P. M. After the devotional service, Brother N. F. Metts delivered the Associational Sermon, by which the hearts of all were stirred and lifted toward God.

Adjourned to 10 A. M. Wednesday.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Song services were opened by singing "Stand Up For Jesus." Prayer by R. H. McElroy. Scripture lesson was read by J. R. G. Hewlett, from fourth Psalm.

For a few minutes the meeting was given over for several warm personal testimonies.

first order of business at this session was a report on Education, which was read and discussed by D. M. Russell, also discussed by J. R. G. Hewlett and T. C. Kimbrough. By invitation of Association, Brother Allison of Water Valley, spoke on the matter of education. The report was adopted.

At this point the attention of the Association was called to the fact that Live Oak, Paris, and Midway churches had not sent in their Associational Letters, but this matter of dealing with their status in the Association was deferred until after time, allowing further time for them to get in.

The Cypress Creek Church was received into the Association upon its application.

Aims and plans for the year 1923-1924 were outlined, discussed, and urged by A. J. Wilds. After being discussed it was adopted. Adjourned for dinner. Dismissed by J. W. Higginbotham.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Assembled at 1:30 P. M.

Opened with song, "I AM THINE LORD." Prayer by T. W. Black, First order of business in the afternoon session was report on Social Service. This report was read by T. C. Kimbrough, was then read by the reader and R. H. McElroy, after which it was adopted.

The Association then took up its Miscellaneous Business. A committee was appointed to investigate the absence of the Live Oak Church. This committee consisted of J. W. Higginbotham and C. H. Gooch.

It was voted to adopt the following outline as the program of our activities for the coming year:

1. A Sunday School in every Church.
2. A B. Y. P. U. in every church.
3. A W. M. U. in every church
4. A class in Stewardship and Missions to be conducted in every church.
5. Four annual meetings: in the County:
 - Laymen and W. M. U.
 - Sunday School.
 - B. Y. P. U.
 - Association.
6. Associational Assembly.
7. Church to Church Campaign.

The report of Committee on Resolutions was read and adopted.

The following report of the Committee on Digest of Letters was received and adopted.

The Committee on Finance brought in their report which was was received and adopted.

Upon motion and second, it was voted to authorize the clerk to dispose of the money contributed by the various churches for the purpose which they designated.

The Committee on Nomination read its report; the Association voted to take vote on time, place, and the various officers by separate vote.

An amendment was added to the report to change the place of meeting from Tula to New Hope.

With this change, the report of the Committee was adopted.

There being no further business of the association to be transacted, the Lafayette Association adjourned to meet with the New Hope Church on Tuesday after the second Sunday in September 1924 at 10 o'clock A. M.

Dismissed by prayer by T. C. Kimbrough.

A. J. WILDS, Moderator,

R. R. BRIGANCE, Clerk.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Finance Committee begs to submit the following report:

Cash received for minutes.....	\$49.06
Cash received for 75 Million fund.....	11.35

\$60.41

Paid out by order of the association as follows:

To clerk for minutes.....	\$49.06
To R. B. Gunter, 75 Million fund.....	11.35

\$60.41

REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICE.

(This is a condensation of the full report read before Association)

SOCIAL SERVICE IN GENERAL.

Social Service is applied Christianity. It is following the example of our Savior "who went about doing good." It is exemplifying that pure and undefiled religion which visits the fatherless and widows in their affliction. It is meeting the challenge of love as given in I John 3:17: "But whoso hath this world's good and seeth his brother have need and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

Social Service is putting Christianity into every social problem or relation. It deals with crime, immorality, poverty, disease and everything that concerns society as a whole. It looks beyond the case of individual need to the cause of that need and its effect upon society.

Christian citizens deal with these problems: (1) through preventive measures, sanitation, hygiene law enforcement; (2.) through corrective measures, prisons, asylums, reformatories; and (3) through relief measures, hospitals, orphanages, Good Will Centers, care of old preachers, etc.

The following are some of the agencies to be used in bettering conditions:

1. LAW ENFORCEMENT.

Aside from the local machinery for law enforcement in every community, the agencies that should have the fullest sympathy and aid from every loyal Baptist in the prosecution of their work are the Anti-Saloon League and the Federal Prohibition enforcement officers. The moral standing of any community depends upon the standards fixed by the churches.

"Quite a large percentage of the cases made by this office have been the direct result of the helpful and suggestion coming from the great Baptist denomination. Its ministers, laymen and women's missionary societies have been alert to report all infractions of the law coming under their observation.

2. *Public Health.

The work of the State Board of Health, under the direction of Dr. W. S. Leathers, Jackson is an agency whose splendid work should have the intelligent co-operation of our people. Dr. Leathers says:

"The State Board of Health is desirous of promoting the health work of the state in a sane and intelligent way. This can be done best through the intelligent interest of large influential groups of people such as those who constitute the membership of the Baptist denomination. Those of us who are particularly interested in the health of Mississippi and who are endeavoring to lead the people in forming right habits of living believe and know that one of the largest influences that could be exerted for attaining the results desired is through the cooperation of the Christian people of Mississippi. There can be no question about the fact that Christian people should lend their hearty support to the prevention of sickness and the control and ultimate suppression of preventable disease."

3. CHILD WELFARE.

The Mississippi Home Society located at Jackson, of which Rev. John L. Sutton is superintendent, is the great single agency in the State for the care of dependent children.

It is estimated that there are about 12,000 neglected and dependent children in the State of Mississippi. About 5,200 of this number would be classed as cripples, sub-normal, and feeble-minded. Six thousand eight hundred of this number are prospectively normal, provided they are transplanted and ingrafted into the proper homes where they would get the love and attention that is necessary for them to develop into good men and women. Fifty percent of this number are negro children, leaving about 3,500 white children who are prospectively normal. The Institutional Plan is caring for about 800 of this number, leaving about 2,600 white children who are prospectively normal but neglected and dependent. We estimate that there between 91,000 and 100,000 good homes in the state that would adopt and raise a child as it should be raised. This is the work that this society hopes to bring to pass. Every childless home should be opened to receive and care for one of these little ones.

II.

STATE SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

1. Mississippi Baptist Orphanage.

The efforts put forth by Christian people in saving and training children are the most effective efforts for citizenship, and for Kingdom building. We should give more adequate support, both financial and moral, to all the child welfare agencies that are working for the betterment of neglected children.

Much has been done through the efforts of our Baptist Orphanage, and commend it and its work to the prayerful consideration and support of our churches and Sunday Schools. We would urge that through the remainder of our present program, (The Seventy-five Campaign) our people seek to redeem their pledges and thus take care of the Orphanages, and all other objects fostered by our denomination.

We have had an average in our orphanage during the year of 170 children. We would urge the loyal and hearty cooperation of all of our people, that all the needs of the institution may be provided for.

2. MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST HOSPITAL.

We have now a splendidly working staff of Physicians, Surgeons, and Specialists. We have a first class chemical Laboratory, a splendid X-Ray Machine, used for Diagnostic Work, with Doctor W. F. Henderson, who is one of the best Radiologists in the State, in charge. We will, within the next sixty days, install a new up-to-date X-Ray Machine, to be used wholly for treatment of incurable cases, especially Cancer cases.

We have treated since our last report, 1,671 patients, 210 of whom were treated free. The hospital funds with which to care for charity patients, except the profit made upon paid patients which fact prevents us from taking many who apply for free hospital care.

We are profoundly grateful to all our friends who have given us assistance, especially the different church, Sunday School and Missionary Organizations.

The good women, last fall, organized the Hospital Auxiliary which has done and is doing splendid work for the hospital. We bespeak for them the hearty cooperation of all friends of the hospital.

3. BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

Patronage continues to increase, as shown by the following figures:

Patients admitted 5,399 (as against 4,168 for same period last year), of these 602 came from Arkansas, 3,745 from Tennessee, 909 from Mississippi, and 143 from other states. 468 of these were cared for in the charity department, 80 from Arkansas, 292 from Tennessee, 62 from Mississippi, and 34 from other states.

The expenditures in operating the hospital for the six months were \$265,641.31; of this amount \$47,485.86 were expended for charity. Double all these figures and the year's work will be seen.

The bonded indebtedness, on account of building, is \$240,000.00. The payment of pledges, made in the Seventy-five Campaign in Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas and Memphis vicinity, are depended on to liquidate this indebtedness.

The religious life of the institution, among patients and nurses, moves on as heretofore.

4. GOOD WILL CENTER.

Mississippi has but one Good Will Center. This located in the Cotton Mill district of Meridian, and is directed under the management of Miss Millie McClelland, a graduate of Louisville Training School, who is doing a splendid Community service in that district. The Superintendent of this Center is a Baptist. Part of this work is to take care of the children while the mothers work out.

111.

SOUTHWIDE SOCIAL SERVICE INSTITUTIONS

1. RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD.

In May 1920 the total assets of the Relief and Annuity Board amounted to \$162,123.10. In May 1923 the total had reached \$1,490,193.59.

From the best estimates that we can get, Southern Baptist in all the States put together, paid to their old preachers, in the three years preceeding the Seventy-five Campaign, in round numbers \$116,000. In the past three years, since the beginning of the Campaign, we have increased the yearly allowance paid to our beneficiaries over the estimate of three years immediately preceeding the Campaign, \$184,173.31, an average of more than \$61,000. per year. While this increase is gratifying, we are by no means doing what we should do.

The number of beneficiaries in Mississippi is now forty, 24 men and 16 widows. These are receiving an average of \$10. per month. We are not beginning to do what we should do.

Your committee would urge that people everywhere would pay their pledges to the Campaign, so that the aid now being given to these Old Heroes of The Cross, may be materially increased.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

It is with the feeling of deep gratitude to God that we are able to report the progress made in the various departments on mission work during the past year. We are on a rising tide.

Pelow is given a summary of our general missionary operations without going into minute details of the work, or giving many statistics, all of which may be found by those interested in these things in the minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention and of the Mississippi State Convention.

Missions is such a comprehensive term that one knows hardly where to begin or end a discussion of this all inclusive subject.

Missions mean ministry to others, the more fortunate helping the less fortunate.

Missions have both the material and Spiritual application. When we care for the body, this is material mission. When we carry the message of Salvation to the lost, this is Spiritual mission. Baptists are doing both in their organized missions work. They have mission schools for the education of the youth, and hospitals for the healing of the body, and orphanages for caring for the dependent children who are left without natural parents to care for them, upon the different fields where they are operating. These agencies are most effective in bringing the people in touch with the gospel, and make them more receptive to the gospel message.

Baptist Missions begin with the home church and radiate out through the Association, the State, the Southland, and to the uttermost parts of the earth.

The agencies for propagating these missions are as follows: The Association, the State Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention. The Association acts through its executive Committee. The State Convention through the Convention Board. The Southern Baptist Convention through the Foreign Mission Boards with headquarters at Richmond, Va.; the Home Mission Board, with headquarters at Atlanta, Ga.; and the Sunday School Board with headquarters at Nashville, Tenn. Some of the lesser agencies acting under appointments and jurisdiction of the several boards, mentioned above, are the enlistment work, Sunday School Work, W. M. U. work, B. Y. P. U. work, colporteur work laymen's work, placing the denomination paper in the homes

of the people, the distribution of good literature through their book stores, by conducting budget stewardship campaigns, the distribution of tracts and leaflets, and last but not least by putting on the great 75 Million Campaign which set the work forward in leaps and bounds. To maintain the pace thus set by the large inflow into the different treasuries from this source, it is imperative that there be a rapid and a certain one hundred per cent closing up of the Campaign during 1924. "Who will come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty?"

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

The next place of meeting, New Hope, northwest of Oxford, Tuesday after the second Sunday in September 1924, at 10:30 o'clock A. M. To preach the associational sermon, Wilburn Smith, alternate Murray Taylor.

Moderator, A. J. Wilds; Clerk, Roy R. Brigrance; Treasurer, A. I. Turpin; Member of State Mission Board, D. M. Russell; Messenger to State Convention, A. B. Royals; Messenger to Southern Convention, J. L. Vinson.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The most powerful agencies of our denomination are our schools and colleges. Extensive and permanent conquest cannot be made for our Master without a trained leadership. A trained Baptist leadership is impossible without unadulterated Baptist Colleges. Almost a century ago some Mississippi Baptist realized this fact and laid the foundation for the splendid system of schools which we so proudly claim today.

I.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST SCHOOLS.

Mississippi Baptists own and control four splendid institutions of learning, namely Mississippi College, located at Clinton, Miss., and one of the oldest educational institutions in the state. Mississippi has a splendid endowment and from year to year, it is making additions and improvements to its general equipment, that puts it along in the front rank of modern institutions of learning.

This institution is preeminently Christian and stands for Christian teaching as held and practiced by Baptists. Its faculty is among the strongest in the state. The attendance is increasing from year to year and during the last session it was the largest in the history of the school.

Mississippi College is worthy of the patronage and financial support and sympathy and prayers of the denomination; and is one of the most potential factors in the Denominational Program of the Baptist of Mississippi. There were in attendance at Mississippi College about seventy-five ministerial students who in the years to come will be a mighty force in the spread of Christianity.

Clark College, a school for both boys and girls, is situated at Newton, Mississippi. This is a Junior College which serves as connecting link between our un-educated masses and the higher institutions of learning and hence supplies a great educational need of the boys and

girls of Mississippi, enabling them to take their high school course there and two years of college work at a minimum of expense. This institution has a splendid moral environment and the boys and girls that go there are being educated in a good religious atmosphere, which goes far toward the fixing of their moral ideas and ideals, which are essential equipment for the greatest possible success in life.

Blue Mountain College has a recognized reputation, not only in Mississippi but throughout the country. Possibly no Femal College in the south has made a better or more enviable reputation than has Blue Mountain College. It has had the reputation of being one of the most paternal institutions of learning in all the Country, the girls being under the immediate watch care and supervision of that most estimable and motherly Mrs. Berry so well known and loved by those who have attended and patronized that college.

This college has from time to time enlarged its facilities, improved its equipment and increased the efficiency of its faculty, until today it stands in the front rank of the Southern Females Colleges. But best of all the impress of the college is best shown and shines out most brightly in the characters and lives of the splendid womanhood going out from its halls.

Woman's College.

This is our youngest institution of learning, having closed last May the Eleventh year of the institution. The dormitories were filled during entire last session, the enrollment being a little over 500. This institution, like Blue Mountain College, place special emphasis on Bible, Sunday School, and B. Y. P. U. work. Recently a new hospital has been completed, which was built with money given Mrs. Herren of Laurel as a memorial to Mrs. Mary Ross, the mother of the former, the cost of which being about \$28,000.

The Woman's College has met the requirements necessary for it to be placed upon the recommended list of colleges. This means that the graduates of this school will be able to teach in any of the public schools of Mississippi. In order to meet the requirements of the State department of Education, it has cut off its preparatory department.

One of the claims put forth by the Woman's College, is that in addition to giving Christian Training, as a Baptist School supported by Baptists, the college is striving to give to its students a full knowledge of the principles for which Baptists stand.

II.

SOUTHWIDE INSTITUTIONS.

Mississippi helps to support and to maintain, three southwide institutions of learning. They are the Baptist Bible Institute, located at New Orleans, La.; the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Ft. Worth, Texas; and the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky. One thousand of our choice young men and women were in these institutions last session, preparing for definite Christian service at home and abroad.

Hillman College.

While Hillman College is not now owned and controlled by the

Baptist Denomination, it is still Baptist in Spirit. It is located at Clinton. It is a Junior College for girls, with a strong faculty. The Baptist State Convention at Grenada placed its approval upon Hillman College and its work. It is a strong denominational asset and is worthy of our prayers and patronage.

Conclusion.

Baptists' position in the Christian Army, twenty years from now, will largely depend upon the care with which they take of their schools today. All of our institutions of learning in Mississippi are greatly in need of endowments.

RESOLUTION ON ANNUAL BUDGET

Whereas, the wisdom of a united effort on the part of the Southern Baptists has been so clearly demonstrated during the past four years, as evidenced by the unprecedented progress which has been made in kingdom work, and

Whereas, our people have seen the wisdom of budgeting the work of the denomination so as to provide regularly and adequately for all worthy causes, and

Whereas, we have seen the value of a worthy financial objective or goal in our plan to raise 75 Million Dollars in five years, and

Whereas, we have seen the need for canvassing the churches annually in order to enlist the new converts who are coming in every year and of re-enlisting those who move during the year, and

Whereas, we have been more thoroughly impressed with the need of regular and systematic giving all through the year, and

Whereas, we, as a denomination, must continue to go forward; and to go forward we must look ahead and plan ahead;

Be it, therefore, resolved that we the Lafayette County Baptist Association in annual convention assembled, signify our approval of;—

1. A united south-wide movement following the close of the 75 Million Campaign to raise funds with which to carry on our mission, social service, and educational work.

2. A budget for all mission, social service, and education work; same to be divided and distributed on a percentage basis in proportion to the relative needs and merits of the various causes fostered by the denomination.

3. A five year financial objective, same to be not less than \$75,000,000.00 for the five years—the amount to be determined by the sum total of the conservative claims of the various causes, after each shall have made a careful survey of its needs and future plans.

4. An annual appeal for pledges which will insure a thorough canvass of all the members of all the churches once a year.

5. A united effort for teaching Stewardship and Budget Plan for denominational and local work of the Baptist Churches of our State.

6. An ample period of time to insure thorough preparation for the program which shall follow the 75 Million Campaign.

By order of the Lafayette County Baptist Association
September 1923.

A. J. WILDS, Mod.

ROY R. BRIGANCE, Clerk.

DIGEST OF LETTERS-

Your committee on Digest of letters makes the following report:

We have examined 17 letters. They show the following totals
Church membership, 2144; Sunday School Enrollment, 1111;
Baptisms, 173; B. Y. P. U's, 8; W. M. U's, 3; Total home ex-
penses, \$9501.67; Gifts to 75 Million Campaign, \$4224.13.

MURRAY TAYLOR

LOUIS HALL

J. C. CAROTHERS

—Committee.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved that:

The sincere thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to this church and the citizens of this community for the generous hospitality shown us, and we earnestly pray that the blessings of our God may always abide with them.

N. F. METTS

B. W. JONES

J. E. TRAMMELL,

—Committee.

OUR DEAD

- Midway—George W. Anderson of Abbeville, Henry Starnes.
Clear Creek—A. J. Ayles, Mrs. Jane Conner.
Taylor—Escar Crow.
New Hope—R. C. McCrary, Mrs. Kate McCrary, J. W. Daniels.
Philadelphia—J. B. Hale, J. W. Adams.
Shiloh—Mrs. Georgia Ann Kelly, Myrtle Hill, J. D. Fuller.
Yellow Leaf—Tcm Tubbs, Elmer Williams.
New Prospect—J. A. Smith, Mrs. M. Owens, Mrs. Emma Powell.
Bay Spring—Willie Mae Vaughn, Brother Wooverton.
Oxford—Mrs. L. J. Farley.
Abbeville—Mrs. Jas. Harris, Robt. Riger.
Union (West)—Mrs. Pearl Black, Mrs. Ledis Gray.
Tula—Mrs. Fannie Coffmann, Mrs. Edna Watts.
Dillard—J. C. Henry, Mrs. J. C. Henry.
Cypress Creek—Mrs. Nan Owens.
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Churches	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Help in Meetings	Building	Home Uses	75 M. Fund	Other Be- nevolences	Minute Fund	Value of Ch. Prop.	Total Con- tributions
Abbeville.....	\$ 300.00	\$	\$ 74.00	\$	\$ 7.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 10.00	\$.50	\$ 1000	\$ 469.00
Bay Springs.....	51.60					11.25	8.00	2.00	300.00	66.60
Bethel.....	100.00					10.00		.73	600.00	113.25
Bluff Springs....	40.00			3.00	4.19	406.55		7.50	400.00	57.92
Clear Creek.....	235.00			68.00	32.00	42.00		2.57	5000.00	749.03
Concord.....	100.00		35.90		4.00				1000.00	180.90
Cypress Creek...	38.50						8.00	2.00		46.50
Dillard.....	100.00		19.75		16.15	72.00	5.40	5.00	1000.00	143.30
Harmony.....		40.00							1290.00	117.00
Midway.....									500.00	
New Hope.....	120.69		63.20		8.25	77.75	15.00	2.55	3000.00	284.89
New Prospects...	150.00		35.00	10.00			.50	4.00	1500.00	199.50
Oxford.....	1628.24	180.00	734.40	4271.18	1456.51	3236.57	129.82	12.50	27000.00	-11636.72
Paris.....								2.00	400.00	2.00
Philadelphia.....	125.00		41.75		12.00	62.35		2.00	800.00	243.60
Shiloh.....	100.00					4.00		1.00	1000.00	105.00
Taylor.....	200.00		63.00		40.00	197.05		4.66	700.00	500.05
Tula.....	178.90		103.65		20.00	160.00	3.15	2.50	1500.00	465.05
Union (W).....	300.00		116.35	30.00	147.50	2.75	38.60	6.55	2000.00	641.75
Yellow Leaf.....			75.70					3.50	1000.00	79.20

CHURCH STATISTICS.

Churches	Bapt.	Gains Letter	Stat.	Losses		Death	Total Membership	Days of Meeting	Do Toy Have?	
				Let.	Excl.				S. School—W. M. U.—B. Y. P. U.	Yes
Abbeville.....	1	4				2	83	2	Yes	Yes
Bay Springs.....	10	2		6		1	110	3	Yes	No
Bethel.....				2			33	3	No	No
Bluff Springs.....	1	5	1	2			30	3	Yes	No
Clear Creek.....				5	1	2	159		Yes	Yes
Concord.....				8			52	1	No	No
Cypress Creek.....							41		No	No
Dillard.....	3	1				2	121	4	Yes	Yes
Harmony.....	7	1					95	2	Yes	No
Midway.....				2			22		No	No
New Hope.....	21		1	7		3	167	1	Yes	Yes
New Prospects.....	9	4	1	2		3	100	3	Yes	No
Oxford.....	54	56	5	38	1	1	455	1-4	Yes	Yes
Paris.....							43	3	Yes	No
Philadelphia.....	6			6		2	101	2	Yes	No
Shiloh.....						3	108	4	No	No
Taylor.....	32	10		1		1	138	3	Yes	Yes
Union (W).....	13			3		2	155	2	Yes	No
Yellow Leaf.....	16	3	2	2	1	2	85	2-4	Yes	No
		1				3	108	4	Yes	No

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CHURCH DIRECTORY.

Churches	Pastor	Post Office	Clerk		S. S. Supl.	Post Office
Abbeville.....	W. R. Pettigrew	Louisville	J. A. Anderson.	Abbeville	O. C. Holmes.	Abbeville
Bay Springs.....	W. S. Smith, sup.	Oxford	R. T. Holcomb.	Oxford	Wm. T. Dickson	Oxford
Bethel.....	J. W. Carmack.	Pontotoc	W. D. Purvis ..	Oxford	H. H. Bass.	Lafayette Sprs.
Bluff Springs.....	J. L. Vinson	Lafayette Sprs.	W. D. Austin ..	Lafayette Sprs.	G. C. McElroy.	Oxford
Clear Creek.....			B. W. Jones.....	Oxford	A. I. Turpin.	Taylor
Concord.....	A. B. Royal.....	Taylor	A. I. Turpin.....	Taylor		
Cypress Creek.....	Wm. Andrews.	Potts Camp	Howard Parks ..	Lafayette Sprs.	J. E. Trammel.	Oxford
Dillard.....	J. E. Trammel.	Oxford	D. V. Robertson.	Oxford	O. & G. Smith.	Tyro
Harmony.....	N. F. Metts.....	Oxford	J. K. Hartley.	Waterford		
Midway.....						
New Hope.....	Harvey Woolen.	Como	C. P. Fulmer.....	Como	J. N. Tyner	Como
New Prospects..	J. W. Carmack.	Pontotoc	W. T. Brown.....	Oxford	A. Knight	Oxford
Oxford.....			A. Garrett	Oxford	C. Longest	Oxford
Paris.....					W. J. Moorehead	Paris
Philadelphia.....			H. F. Baker	Lafayette Sprs.	R. E. Lee	Etta
Shiloh.....	W. T. Brown.....	Pontotoc	T. H. Hall.....	Deermark	I. G. Hurdle	Taylor
Taylor.....	R. R. Brigrance.	University	H. H. Ramech ..	Taylor	P. W. Pessel	Tula
Tula.....	J. W. Roberts.	Blue Spring	W. B. Coleman ..	Tula	W. H. Grey, Jr.	Taylor
Union (W).....	W. I. Hargis, spl	University	J. C. Carothers.	Taylor	Ben Huggins.	Oxford
Yellow Leaf.....			Earl Fuldge	Oxford		

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. The Association shall be called the Lafayette County Baptist Association which shall meet annually. The object of this union shall be to cultivate fraternal intercourse and love between the churches composing this body and unite their efforts in the great work of advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom. In the prosecution of these objects the dissemination of the Gospel by missionary operations, both at home and abroad, shall receive their encouragement, fostering care and support. It shall be the aims of this Association to promote the cause of Sabbath schools, also the interest of general education, and more especially the education of the ministry. All Christian and charity enterprises shall receive their encouragement among which the support of superannuated and worn out ministers will receive special attention.

Article 2. Each church belonging to this Association shall be entitled to three representatives until the number of members reaches twenty-five, and one delegate for every twenty-five; provided in no case shall any church have more than eight delegates.

Article 3. The messengers present representing churches shall during the session present their letters of correspondence which must state their appointment, together with the number of members in fellowship, the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated and died during the year.

Article 4. Any church of this Association failing to represent itself at one meeting will be expected to state the reason thereof at the next meeting, and any church thus failing at two successive meetings, the Association may consider it dropped from its membership, or may appoint a committee to inquire into such failure.

Article 5. Other churches approving our Articles of Faith, and desiring to act and live in fellowship with us, may be admitted into this body by signifying their approval and desire by delegate and letter.

Article 6. This association shall have a Moderator, Treasurer and Clerk who shall be chosen by ballot or otherwise at each annual meeting. A majority of the votes cast being necessary to an election.

Article 7. Membership in this Association shall be essential to eligibility to any office within the body.

Article 8. This Association shall have no power to adopt rules or institute proceedings that shall infringe upon the independence or rights of churches, but it may, when requested by a church in its letter or correspondence, and not otherwise, give advice in such body, and it may separate from such churches as are known to walk orderly.

Article 9. This Association may correspond by letter or messenger with other representative bodies of the Baptist denomination.

Article 10. This Association shall at its annual meetings, appoint an Executive Board composed of one member from each church. Said member may be recommended by the church and the name to appear in the letter to the association. Said Board shall elect its own officers and shall have power to transact the business of the Association when the Association is not in season and for this purpose meet as often as the Chairman may deem necessary. An annual report of the proceedings of the Board shall be made to the association.

Article 11. This constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a majority of two-thirds of the members present, provided the proposition to change be made at a previous meeting.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Article 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Article 2. The Moderator shall be considered judge of order, and shall have discretionary right to call order at any time.

Article 3. Any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal to the Association the same day, but at no other.

Article 4. The moderator may have the same privilege of speech as any other member of the body; provided he call some other brother to the chair; but shall not be permitted to vote except in case of a tie.

Article 5. Every motion made in order and seconded, after sufficient time for discussion, shall be by the Moderator put to a vote of the Association, a majority of whom shall govern, and the decision shall be publicly announced by the Moderator.

Article 6. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator; and the Moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person or otherwise.

Article 7. Every member, in addressing the body must confine his remarks to the subject under discussion, and no member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject, or uses words of personal reflection.

Article 8. The appellation "Brother" shall be used in our addresses.

Article 9. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, nor more than once until all have had an opportunity of speaking.

Article 10. No member shall be at liberty to absent himself during hours of business without leave from the Moderator.

Article 11. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Association and submit the same for correction of the Association at the close of each session, and to preserve a file for the proceedings of the body.

Article 12. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys received for Denominational purposes and pay them over by order of the body.

Article 13. In case of a motion to suspend any rules of the Association a vote of two-thirds shall be necessary.

PROCEEDINGS
Of the
FOURTH SESSION
OF THE
LAFAYETTE COUNTY
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

New Hope Baptist Church

September 16-17, 1924

OFFICERS

A. J. Wilds, Moderator.

L. L. Roebuck, Clerk.

Place of next meeting, Tula.
Fifteen miles east of Oxford.

To preach sermon, F. M. Purser.
Alternate, N. F. Metts.

Time, Tuesday after first Sunday in
September 1925.

DIRECTORY

Ordained Preachers.

F. M. Purser, Oxford. N. F. Metts, Oxford.
E. M. Taylor, Taylor. J. L. Vinson, Lafayette Springs.
H. H. Bass, Lafayette Springs.
A. B. Royal, Taylor, R. 1. Ira Metts, Como, R. 2.
W. I. Hargis, University. H. B. Wootten, Como, R. 2.
J. E. Trammell, Oxford, R. 2. Murry Taylor, Oxford.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

T. C. Kimbrough, Oxford; Claude Anderson, Abbeville; J. D. Wootten, Oxford, Route 4; Fontz Roberts, Oxford; Ellis Vaughn, Oxford; G. C. McElroy, Oxford, Route 2; A. I. Turpin, Taylor, Route 1; R. Y. Roberts, Oxford; Jessie Deshazo, Tyro; Mrs. Florence Anderson, Water Valley; Will Fulmer, Como, Route 2; Tom Brown, Oxford, Route 4; Floyd Malone, Paris; J. C. Carothers, Taylor, Route 1; Tilden Herring, Oxford; Bruce Mize, Oxford; R. E. Lee, Etta; O. C. Vines, Lafayette Springs; J. C. Hurdle, Taylor; J. P. Sharp, Tula.

Messenger to Southern Baptist Convention, to meet in Memphis next May. West Fulmer, Alternate. H. D. Wootten.

Member of Convention Board, Judge D. M. Russell.

OUR DEAD.

Mrs. Bettie Gray, Taylor.
 Mrs. John Webb, Oxford.
 Mrs. Bettie Mullins, Oxford.
 Fox Vines, Tula.
 A. R. Wilson, Oxford.
 Mrs. Georgia Wood, Oxford.
 Warner Taylor, Como.
 Henry Starnes, Holly Springs.
 F. A. McClelland, Blue Springs.
 J. M. Pierce, Abbeville.
 George G. Hampton, Tupelo.
 J. C. Kincannon, Oxford.
 L. Henderson, Waterford.
 Mrs. W. Poland, Oxford.
 Mrs. James Whittaker, Oxford.
 Mrs. M. L. Shipp, Oxford.
 R. Y. Waller, Oxford.
 Luvene Henderson, Waterford.

PROCEEDINGS.

New Hope Church, Como, R. 2.

The fourth session of the Lafayette County Baptist Association, met in annual session with the New Hope church, at 10:30, A. M., September 16, 1924.

The body was called to order by the moderator, A. J. Wilds. Prayer by N. F. Metts. John 1:1-29 was read, following which the moderator led the association in prayer. The congregation joined heartily in singing "How firm a foundation." The body was again led in prayer by Judge T. C. Kimbrough.

The following committee on committees was appointed by the moderator, namely, N. F. Metts, W. I. Hargis, W. B. Coleman.

The following visitors were recognized and cordially invited to seats in the body: W. M. Brown, Pontotoc County; Mrs. W. P. Walker, Marshall County.

Sung "I live for thee".

The Report on Education was presented by Judge T. C. Kimbrough, mostly orally, but he agreed to furnish the clerk a carefully prepared, concrete report for the records of the association.

The speaker stressed especially the importance of church leadership, and showed how the right kind of educational training would give to the churches efficient leadership in all the activities of the church. He also stressed the need of care as to the kind of schools in which our boys and girls are educated.

A further discussion of the report was deferred till the afternoon.

Adjourned to 1:30 P. M., for dinner. Prayer by H. B. Wooten.

First Day—Afternoon.

Assembled at 1:30, as per adjournment. Devotional consisted of songs and a prayer by W. M. Brown. Brother N. F. Metts makes an announcement for the hospitality committee. At this point the body was entertained by special music by the New Hope choir.

The chairman makes the report of the committee on committees, as follows: Finance, B. W. Jones, J. O. Brown; On digest of letters, A. I. Turpin, W. M. Fulmer; Order of business, A. J. Wilds, F. M. Purser; Resolutions, T. W. Black, Judge D. M. Russell; Nominations, B. W. Mize, W. A. Fulmer.

The discussion of the report on Christian Education was resumed at this point by an interesting address by J. R. G. Hewlett, one of the state enlistment men. The report, as discussed was approved.

Brother J. L. Vinson, messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention, which met last May in Atlanta, made an enthusiastic report of his impressions of the convention and its work. He heartily enjoyed the convention.

As a matter of both worship and recreation, the body stood and joined in singing a song.

In the absence of F. M. Purser, the moderator read the report on missions, offering helpful comments as he read. The report was splendidly discussed by J. R. G. Hewlett. The subject was stressed from many angles, but special emphasis was placed on our religious obligations and the importance of everyone paying up in full, his pledge to the 75 Million fund.

The report was carried over to the next day.

The moderator presented a verbal report of the situation in the association, in regard to the above pledges. The situation is not encouraging.

Messengers from Bay Springs report their presence, but the letter failed to come in. The clerk was authorized to add such data as he might be able to obtain from the church.

Adjourned to meet at 7:15 for the association sermon, which was preached by J. R. G. Hewlett, in lieu of the regular appointee, Brother Wilbourn Smith, who is in the Seminary at Louisville.

Second Day—Morning.

Meet at 9:30. Devotional conducted by the pastor, W. E. Lee. Songs, scripture reading, bible quotations and personal testimonies were the order of the service.

The song "Oh, how I love Jesus," was led by the moderator, following which the body was led in prayer by our State S. S. Secretary, J. E. Byrd.

The report on Missions, brought over from yesterday was called up, and discussed by J. E. Byrd in his matchless style. It was a moving and convincing address.

Stood and sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Adjourned to 1:30.

Second Day—Afternoon.

Body called to order at 1:30. Opening song,—"Am I a soldier of the cross." Prayer by N. F. Metts.

The report on Missions is further discussed by N. F. Metts and adopted.

The following resolutions, presented by the resolutions Committee were adopted:

1. Resolved that every church constituting this Association, hold a special all-day service on their regular preaching day in October for the purpose of closing up the five-year campaign, and arrange for putting on the special one-year campaign for 1925.

2. On behalf of the Baptist Churches represented in the Lafayette County Association, we the Committee on resolutions, do hereby wish to express: First, our grateful appreciation to the New Hope Church and Community, for the splendid hospitality so generously extended; Second, that this Association do most heartily congratulate the New Hope membership upon their perseverance and faithfulness in erecting such a splendid House of Worship.

D. M. Russell,
T. W. Black
Committee

At this point Judge D. M. Russell presented the report on Social Service. The report was splendidly discussed by the author and approved.

REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICE.

Social Service finds its finest expression in the life and teachings of the Savior. "He went about doing good." He gave the world, particularly the religious world, its first real definition of social service. In fact, social service was not regarded as having any vital connection with religion until Jesus came and introduced it into his system.

It is a significant fact that the first miracle of the Master was performed on a purely social occasion; performed as a social service to relieve the embarrassment of a social function. The Master recognized the potent fact that man is a social being, and often the nearest and easiest approach to his heart is through the avenue of his social nature.

It has been said that "Social service is applied Christianity."

It is active, militant, operative Christianity. The Master was

talking about social service when he defined pure and undefiled religion. He gave the acid test of real worth while religion in the two words: "Visiting, unspotted." It is the visiting obligation with which we are concerned in our consideration of the subject of social service.

Social service has been given great emphasis in recent years, so that it finds expression in a variety of forms, including activities of the church, society and civil government.

Taking these in the reverse order, it may be observed that our civil government is finding many ways to promote the best possible social conditions among the people. The most effective agency employed by the government being the rigid enforcement of the criminal laws. There was never a time when the civil authorities demanded and deserved the sympathetic, active support of our Christian citizenship so much as they do right now in their efforts to enforce the criminal laws, particularly the laws against the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquor. The Anti-Saloon League and the Prohibition Enforcement Officers are rendering our Christian civilization an inestimable service in their persistent, effective fight against this such enemy of society. The eradication of this entrenched enemy from our land is one of the challenging tasks of Baptists.

Another form of social service rendered by the state is the promotion of the best possible health conditions. This is accomplished largely through the efficient functioning of our worthy state board of health which is doing so much to stamp out epidemics, principally by encouraging and demanding the application of proper sanitation and other preventative measures which have been adopted from time to time. In such undertakings for the public welfare all Baptists should loyalty and heartily co-operate.

Another phase of social service of unusual importance is the Child Welfare Work, prosecuted principally by our home finding societies and orphanages. As the Master has a passion for the children and was peculiarly solicitous for their welfare, so should all Christians be deeply concerned about them. Among the splendid institutions we have established for the unfortunate children of our state are the Mississippi Home Society and the Baptist Orphanage, both located at the state capital. These institutions are accomplishing immeasurable results for the good of thousands of the helpless, homeless of those little ones of whom the Master said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not." If we would obey the injunction of "forbid them not" we must continuously provide the means in increasing amount for housing, feeding, cloth-

ing and schooling them. To such an undertaking we are fully committed.

Our Baptist people in recent years have fully awakened to the sense of their responsibility for the healing of men's bodies as a vital part of the work of the church. It took the story of the Good Samaritan long centuries to fully impress its message upon the consciences of the church. For centuries the church unconsciously passed by on the other side, following in the footprints of the Priest and the Levite. But at last we are following the lead of the Good Samaritan. We are maintaining at Jackson, Mississippi, one of the best equipped, best managed hospitals in this section of the country where hundreds of suffering people find relief and recovery of health annually. Mississippi Baptists share with our brethern of Tennessee and Arkansas the responsibility and blessing of maintaining at Memphis, Tenn., the Baptist Memorial Hospital, which is one of the finest institutions of the kind in the South. These great hospitals are among the most valuable and effective assets of our denomination, and we commend them to the earnest sympathy and support of our Baptist brotherhood.

A modern movement of much merit is the Good Will Center. It is confined primarily to the industrial centers where mothers of small children are driven to the necessity of working in factories in order to support their families. The taking care of such children in the absence of their mothers at work has become an important part of the work of those engaged in this form of service conducted by the Good Will Center. Miss Millie McClellan, a graduate of the Louisville Training School, introduced this worthy movement by organizing a Center at Meridan, Miss., where she inaugurated a noble work of helpfulness among the poor and unfortunate. The movement deserves the unstinted support of our people.

Another institution which has resulted from the agitation of the subject of social service in its highest form is the Relief and Annuity Board, with assets now amounting to millions of dollars. From this source long delayed relief has come in a measure to our aged ministers and others. If those who preach the gospel shall live of the gospel it follows that they have the right to live of it even after they have no longer the physical power to preach the gospel. There are many of these aged veterans of the cross all about us who are receiving some succor from the source indicated, and we rejoice that we can have a part in providing service.

There are many other forms which this social service movement is taking from time to time as the church becomes more keenly alive to its responsibilities and opportunities. As we launch

out farther and farther into the realm of real service of humanity we appreciate more and more the tremendous loss the Christian Church has sustained by reason of its long delayed awakening to a sense of responsibility as the real "Big Brother" to every needy, suffering man in the world. The primary responsibility to be unselfishly helpful and sympathetic to all men is on the church and her constituents, and the time has come for her to take her place—first—in this matter of social service and claim the reward which has been going to so many other institutions.

The activity and enthusiasm of our people in the matter of social service have been greatly increased during the last few years. This is unquestionably one of the beneficial results flowing from the 75 million campaign, which enabled our people to foster these new enterprises as had not been done hitherto. The splendid progress made along this line should serve as an added stimulus to every one of us to enlist most heartily in our final campaign to finish the task so worthily begun five years ago, that we may now redeem in cash what we pledged in faith.

D. M. Russell, Chairman.

The following report was made by the Committee on Nominations: Place of next meeting, Tula; Time, Tuesday after the first Sunday in September, 1925; Preacher, F. M. Pursér, Alternate N. F. Metts; Moderator A. J. Wilds; Clerk, L. L. Roebuck; Messenger to Southern Baptist Convention, West Fulmer, H. D. Wootten, Alternate; Finance Committee, J. O. Brown, B. W. Jones.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Same as for the past year. See Directory.

B. S. Mize,
W. A. Fulmer
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION LAFAYETTE COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Your committee submits the following report in brief touching the matter of education.

We deal with the subject in three phases; (a) our educational institutions within the State, (b) our educational institutions within the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, (c) growth in attendance upon the schools.

(a) The Baptist people own or control the following educational property within the state, namely, Mississippi College, The Womans

College, Hattiesburg, Clark Memorial College, Blue Mountain Seminary for young women, and Hillman College.

Mississippi College located at Clinton, Mississippi, nine miles West of Jackson, the state capitol, is an A grade institution doing most efficient work. It has a full corps of educators at its head, full of zeal for the cause of christian education, a large endowment fund and commodious buildings. Dr. J. W. Provine is the President.

The Womans College at Hattiesburg, Mississippi, located on a beautiful campus, with modern up to date buildings, is a credit to the denomination. Dr. John L. Johnston, is the President.

Clark Memorial College located at Newton, Mississippi is doing junior college work. It has a fine faculty of capable men and women and is doing a great work. It is co-educational.

Blue Mountain is well known to all of us in Lafayette County Association. For more than a half century it has been educating our girls under the direction of that splendid family, the Lowery's. Thousands of our Baptist girls have gone out from its halls to take up their work in life.

It maintains a high curriculum of study. Has a faculty of which we are justly proud.

(b) The number of Baptist schools within the territory covered by the Southern Baptist Convention is 119. A survey has been but recently made of these schools by a board appointed for the purpose by the Southern Baptist Convention.

The showing made by the survey by the board should be highly pleasing to every southern Baptist. A great many of these schools have magnificent endowment funds and all of them are making efforts to encrease the endowment.

(c) The attendance on these schools is encouraging to those believers in christian education. We have something like twelve hundred to fifteen hundred Baptist boys and girls in the schools within the state alone and more than fifteen thousand in the Baptist schools in the South.

This attendance is growing from year to year and will make itself wonderfully felt in the years to come.

Respectfully submitted.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS

Your committee on Digest of Letters begs to submit the following report:

There were 17 letters, showing a total membership of 1864. Number baptized and other additions 239. Sunday Schools 14. Enrollment 1210. B. Y. P. U's 6. Membership in these 100. W. M. U.'s 5, Membership 123.

Report for all home expenses \$8,011.11: 75 Million \$5,550.75

A. I. Turpin,
Will Fulmer,
Committee.

The Finance Committee submits the following report:

Collected for Minutes	\$56.02.
On 75 Million Fund	\$11.70.
Total	\$67.72.

We have turned over the above amounts to the Treasurer:

B. W. Jones,
J. O. Brown,
Committee.

TREASURERS REPORT

Your Treasurer has received from the Finance Committee
for printing Minutes \$56.02.
On 75 Million Fund \$11.70.
Total \$67.72.

The above amounts have been turned in to the proper sources
for which they were contributed.

A. I. Turpin, Treasurer.

THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES REPORT B. Y. P. U'S.

Oxford, Presidents: Lake Campbell, Hubert Hyde, Miss Linwood Garrett, Post Office of all, Oxford, Miss; Union, President, Loyd Gray, Post Office, Taylor; Taylor, President, Frank Gray, Post Office Taylor; Dillard, Presidents: J. E. Trammell, Post Office, Oxford, Route 2; Ila Tubbs, Oxford, Route 2; Fannie Doolin, Oxford, Route 2; Jennie Perkins, Oxford, Route 2; New Prospect, President, Dora West Johnson, Oxford, Route 4; Paris, President, Louis Scott, Paris.

THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES REPORT W. M. U'S.

Oxford, President, Mrs. J. M. Wooten; Clear Creek, President, Mrs. Annie Crow, Oxford, Route 2; Taylor, President, Mrs. Z. M. McElroy; New Prospect, President, Miss A. C. McElwreath, Oxford, Route 4; Paris, President, Misses Liza Harvey and Miss Eula Box, Post Office Paris.

LIST OF MESSENGERS

Abbeville—Mrs. Lou A. Anderson.

Clear Creek—C. E. Briscoe, Mrs. G. C. McElroy, B. W. Jones, Mrs. B. W. Jones.

Concord—A. I. Turpin, Mrs. A. I. Turpin, A. B. Royals, S. A. Littleton, Mrs. S. A. Littleton, Miss Cubell Tatum.

Yellow Leaf—B. S. Mize, Mrs. L. Fudge, Ned Jones.

Tula—J. O. Brown, W. B. Coleman.

Bluff Springs—J. L. Vinson, H. H. Bass, W. P. Austin, E. E. Vaughn.

Dillard—O. L. Gant, D. Y. Robertson, J. T. Dulin.

Oxford—A. J. Wilds, D. M. Russell, T. C. Kimbrough, T. W. Black, Mrs. Lee Baggett, Mrs. Durley Jones, Mrs. H. G. Hathorn.

Harmony—Jessie Moncrief, Jessie Billingsley, Mrs. J. Billingsley, Y. R. Hartley, D. B. Cook.

Union—L. D. Jones, J. C. Carothers, Mrs. J. C. Carothers, Mrs. L. Jones, Miss Nellie Prince.

New Hope—H. B. Wooten, N. F. Metts, S. H. Smith, J. N. Tyner, W. A. Fulmer, Miss Sallie Perkins, Miss Eula Morrison, Miss L. Fulmer.

Bethel—J. D. Wooten, John Purvis, Jr., W. E. Purvis.

Shiloh—O. C. Vines, J. H. Hall, Lee Allen, J. M. Sparks.

New Prospect—L. L. Roebuck, Miss Inez McElreath, Miss Kate Welch, Mrs. W. B. Coleman.

Paris—Louis Scott, W. J. Morehead.

Midway—Letter, but no messengers.

The business of the association having been completed, adjourned to meet with the Tula Church, Tuesday 10 A. M. after the first Sunday in September, 1925.

Sang "Blest be the tie that binds," Prayer by W. I. Hargis, followed by an informal handshake. All left for their homes, feeling that we had had a real feast of good things.

A. J. Wilds, Moderator.
L. L. ROEBUCK, Clerk.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

(Read by Auber J. Wilds)

The word "Missions" to us means simply the carrying of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to those who know Him not and seeking earnestly to get the lost to accept Christ as Savior. Therefore Missions is the same regardless of whether it is carried on in Lafayette County or in China, Africa or the isles of the sea. The only difference is the difference of distance. Southern Baptists use the terms, State Missions, Home Missions and Foreign Missions in speaking of their Mission work referring to a certain territory in which the work is being done. Our Home Mission work is the co-operative work the eighteen states included in the Southern Baptist Convention are doing for the work of education in the mountain schools, work among the foreigners in the port cities of the South, work among the Indians, work among the Jews, Negroes, Soldiers and Sailors, Church building, Evangelism, Enlistment, etc, etc. Our Foreign Mission Work is the work of the Medical Missions, Education, and Evangelism carried on in the following countries: China, Africa, Japan, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Chile and eight countries in Europe. During the period of the 75 million Campaign our Foreign Mission work has more than doubled in every respect. Jesus said "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations," and we, as Southern Baptists, believe that He meant for us literally to go into all the world. We have't done that yet, but are thankful to Him that we are advancing with His program and we hope some day to have missionaries in every nation telling the world of Him and His love and power to save. Our State Mission work for Mississippi was launched this year on a \$130,000.00 basis, the work includes, the employment of six enlistment men, five Sunday School workers, two W. M. U. workers two B. Y. P. U. workers, with extra summer workers in the three last mentioned departments. Besides this work of education and training, the State Board fosters an Orphanage; a State Hospital with an interest in the Baptist Memorial Hospital, at Memphis; four colleges, Blue Mountain, Woman's College, Mississippi and Clark Colleges; it carries on a co-operative work with a large number of Churches in the state in Church building and Pastors support. We operate a Book Store and publish the Baptist Record, a copy of which should be coming to every Baptist home in the state.

We are in a great Kingdom enterprise and it behooves us to make our plans large and for every Baptist in the state to do his part in carrying the work forward.

We submit herewith brief reports from the heads of the Sunday School, W. M. U. and B. Y. P. U. Departments of our State Mission work:

B. Y. P. U. DEPARTMENT

(By Auber J. Wilds, Secretary)

The number of B. Y. P. U's has increased from 700 to 925 since the last report of the Association. Our aim for the year is to have 1,000 unions by Nov. 1st. and indications are that we will go beyond our expectations. This is a remarkable growth and gives us courage to press on. The idea of organizing the Training Department of the Church just as thoroughly as any other Department of the Church has led to the "General B. Y. P. U Organization of the B. Y. P. U." with General Officers very much the same as the Sunday School, a B. Y. P. U. Director who will have general oversight over all of the B. Y. P. U's. of the Church, calling all the unions together for a closing exercise each Sunday for comparative reports etc. This will tie the various departments of the B. Y. P. U. together and will tend to emphasize the relation of the Training Department to the Church itself. More than 4,000 young people have studied some one of the B. Y. P. U. Study Course Books and received their award, either the diploma or seal. Interest is growing, especially in the rural churches and we look forward to the time when every Baptist Church will have as many B. Y. P. U's. as are needed to give every member of the Church a chance to receive training as a Christian.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

(By Office of the Sunday School Department)

Number of Sunday Schools in the State	1,301
Number of Sunday Schools within past year	144
Number enrolled in Sunday Schools	120,146
Increase within past year	24,296
Number of awards within the past year	4,167
Number of Blue Seals	116
Number Red Seals	336
Number of Diplomas given out	1,227

The Sunday School Department, in addition to its Secretary, Assistant Secretary and worker among the primaries as heretofore reported, has two regular secretaries employed for doing the work among the country Churches and Sunday Schools. These Brethren are Wyatte Hunter and H. E. Spell. They are both graduates of Mississippi College and are well qualified for the work for which they have been chosen.

SUGGESTED REPORT FOR W. M. U.

(By Miss M. M. Lackey)

The Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi during this as-

sociational period is most interested in the completion of the 75 Million Campaign. It is a matter of note that during the four years immediately preceding the Campaign Mississippi women gave to the objects for which the campaign stands only \$191,335.16. The sum given to the Campaign for the five years is \$515, 650.00. The W. M. U. will work with a mind to complete what they have begun.

During this fiscal year the W. M. U. has had organized work in 64 associations. An Associational Superintendent and a Young Peoples' Leader at work in each of these associations and reaching out to help adjoining associations. There are 770 Woman's Missionary Societies and 651 Young Peoples' Auxiliaries, making a total of 1421 organizations. The chief aims of these organizations, as in the past, is Prayer, Mission and Bible Study, Stewardship, Personal Service and Soul-winning. 10,000 seals and nearly 5,000 certificates have been awarded for Mission Study.

The W. M. U. is greatly interested in securing funds for scholarships for young women anxious to finish their college course and enter Training School, in order that they may prepare themselves for service in either the Home or the Foreign field. In view of this fact, the following recommendation is made to the association: That the Churches encourage this work by making a donation to this worthy cause through the W. M. U.

It is further recommended that all pastors and laymen in the association lend their hearty support to the women in their endeavors to organize the women and children of the Churches.

CHURCH DIRECTOR

Churches	PASTORS	POST OFFICES	S. S. SUPT.	POST OFFICE	VAL. CH. PROPERTY
Abbeville	R. R. Brigrance	University	J. H. Roy	Abbeville	\$700.00
Bethel	J. W. Carmack	French Camp			600.00
Bay Spgs.	H. D. Wooten	Como, R-2	H. H. Bass	Denmark	1,000.00
Bluff Spgs.	N. F. Metts	Oxford	G. C. McElroy	Oxford, R-2	6,000.00
C. Creek	N. F. Metts	Oxford	Cubell Tatum	Taylor, R-1	800.00
Concord	N. F. Metts	Oxford	J. E. Trammell	Oxford, R-2	1,000.00
Dillard	N. F. Metts	Oxford	G. Smith	Tyro	2,000.00
Harmony	N. F. Metts	Oxford	J. N. Tyner	Como, R-2	4,000.00
New Hope	W. E. Lee	Como	B. C. Hudgins	Oxford, R-4	2,000.00
New Pros.	J. W. Carmack	Fr. Camp	C. Longest	Oxford	22,000.00
Oxford	F. M. Purser	Oxford	J. M. Box	Paris	400.00
Paris	A. B. Royal	Taylor			1,000.00
Shiloh	W. M. Brown	Ecu	J. C. Peacock	Taylor	400.00
Taylor	R. R. Brigrance	Clinton	P. W. Pascall	Tula	1,500.00
Tula	W. J. Roberts	Blue Spgs.	B. S. Mize	Oxford	1,000.00
Yellow L.	W. I. Hargis	University			500.00
Midway		Clinton	W. H. Varner	Taylor, R-1	2,000.00
Union	J. H. Street				\$46,900.00

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CHURCH STATISTICS

CHURCHES	Gains by Baptism	Gains by Letter	Statement by Letter	Losses by Letter	Losses by Exclusion	Losses by D	Present Mem.	Days of Meeting
Abbeville	7	.....	3	4	.....	.....	90	2nd Sunday
Bethell.....	1	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	29	3rd Sunday
Bluff Springs.....	5	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	37	2nd Sunday
Clear Creek.....	24	5	3	6	26	1	150	1st and 4th
Concord.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	69	4th Sunday
Dillard.....	11	1	.....	1	.....	.....	132	1st Sunday
Harmony.....	14	.....	1	3	.....	1	97	2nd Sunday
Midway.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	16	.....
New Prospect	17	12	.....	9	.....	2	120	3rd Sunday
New Hope.....	2	1	1	2	.....	1	168	2nd Sunday
*Oxford.....	20	38	.....	39	31	2	440	1, 2, 3 and 4
Paris.....	1	3	.....	3	.....	.....	43	2nd Sunday
Shiloh.....	2	1	.....	2	.....	.....	109	2nd Sunday
Taylor.....	5	1	2	1	.....	.....	141	2nd Sunday
Tula.....	11	3	.....	8	.....	2	159	2nd Sunday
Yellow Leaf.....	4	2	.....	5	.....	1	101	2nd Sunday
Union.....	22	3	.....	8	1	.....	101	2nd and 4th

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. The Association shall be called the Lafayette County Baptist Association which shall meet annually. The object of this union shall be to cultivate fraternal intercourse and love between the churches composing this body and unite their efforts in the great work of advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom. In the prosecution of these objects the dissemination of the Gospel by missionary operations, both at home and abroad, shall receive their encouragement, fostering care and support. It shall be the aims of this Association to promote the cause of Sabbath schools, also the interest of general education, and more especially the education of the ministry. All Christian and charity enterprises shall receive their encouragement among which the support of superannuated and worn out ministers will receive special attention.

Article 2. Each church belonging to this Association shall be entitled to three representatives until the number of members reaches twenty-five, and one delegate for every twenty-five; provided in no case shall any church have more than eight delegates.

Article 3. The messengers present representing churches shall during the session present their letters of correspondence which must state their appointment, together with the number of members in fellowship, the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excluded and died during the year.

Article 4. Any church of this Association failing to represent itself at one meeting will be expected to state the reason thereof at the next meeting, and any church thus failing at two successive meetings, the Association may consider it dropped from its membership, or may appoint a committee to inquire into such failure.

Article 5. Other churches approving our Articles of Faith, and desiring to act and live in fellowship with us, may be admitted into this body by signifying their approval and desire by delegate and letter.

Article 6. This association shall have a Moderator, Treasurer and Clerk who shall be chosen by ballot or otherwise at each annual meeting. A majority of the votes cast being necessary to an election.

Article 7. Membership in this Association shall be essential to eligibility to any office within the body.

Article 8. This Association shall have no power to adopt rules or institute proceedings that shall enfringe upon the independence or rights of churches, but it may, when requested by a church in its letter or correspondence, and not otherwise, give advice in such body, and it may separate from such churches as are known to walk disorderly.

Article 9. This Association may correspond by letter or messenger with other representative bodies of the Baptist denomination.

Article 10. This Association shall at its annual meetings, p

point an Executive Board composed of one member from each church. Said member may be recommended by the church and the name to appear in the letter to the association. Said Board shall elect its own officers and shall have power to transact the business of the Association when the Association is not in session and for this purpose meet as often as the Chairman may deem necessary. An annual report of the proceedings of the Board shall be made to the association.

Article 11. This constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a majority of two-thirds of the members present, provided the proposition to change be made at a previous meeting.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Article 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Article 2. The Moderator shall be considered judge of order, and shall have discretionary right to call order at any time.

Article 3. Any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal to the Association the same day, but at no other.

Article 4. The moderator may have the same privilege of speech as any other member of the body; provided he call some other brother to the chair; but shall not be permitted to vote except in case of a tie.

Article 5. Every motion made in order and seconded, after sufficient time for discussion, shall be by the Moderator put to a vote of the Association, a majority of whom shall govern, and the decision shall be publicly announced by the Moderator.

Article 6. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator; and the Moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person or otherwise.

Article 7. Every member, in addressing the body must confine his remarks to the subject under discussion, and no member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject, or uses words of personal reflection.

Article 8. The appellation "Brother" shall be used in our addresses.

Article 9. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, nor more than once until all have had an opportunity of speaking.

Article 10. No member shall be at liberty to absent himself during hours of business without leave from the Moderator.

Article 11. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Association and submit the same for correction of the Association at the close of each session, and to preserve a file for the proceedings of the body.

Article 12. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys received for Denominational purposes and pay them over by order of the body.

Article 13. In case of a motion to suspend any rules of the Association a vote of two-thirds shall be necessary.

Proceedings

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Same as last year.

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OUR DEAD

Mrs. F. M. Purser, Oxford; Mr. G. F. Heard, Oxford; Mr. W. F. Metts, Oxford; Mr. R. E. Ward, Etta; Mr. H. C. Tyer, Etta; Mrs. H. C. Byer, Etta; Mrs. Mona Bonds, Etta; Mr. Bass Cook, Tyro, Route 1; Mr. Sam Childress, Tyro, Route 1; Mrs. Sarah Ales, Oxford, Route; Mr. E. G. Sharp; Mr. W. Littlejohn; Miss H. Shelton; Miss J. Lassiter; Mrs. E. M. Conner; Miss S. Tatum; Mr. A. E. Harwell, Tula.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF TELLERS

Your committee on digest of tellers begs to submit the following report:

There were 17 letters showing a total membership of 2,054. Number baptized and other additions 188.

Sunday Schools 10; enrollment 875. B. Y. P. U.'s 3; membership in these 190. W. M. U.'s 3; membership 185

Report for all home expenses \$8,214.92. Missions \$12.00.

W. B. COLEMAN,

R. F. SAUNDERS,

E. M. TAYLOR.

TULA CHURCH, TULA, MISS.

The fifth session of the Lafayette County Baptist Association met in annual session with Tula church at 11:00 A. M., September 8th, 1925.

The house was called to order by the Moderator, A. J. Wilds.

The Association was late on account of the burial of our beloved brother and pastor, W. I. Hargis.

Since devotional had already been engaged in for some time, led by Rev.

J. W. Carmack, the moderator proceeded with the business of the Association, who appointed the committee on com.

The moderator next called for report on Missions.

This report was presented in a very able manner by Dr. Christopher Longest, and spoken to by Dr. F. M. Purser.

After discussion same was adopted.

The moderator next extended invitations to all the churches of Lafayette County (List of messengers with reports.)

The congregation joined in singing a few songs and adjourned for dinner to meet at 1:30.

FIRST DAY— AFTERNOON

After song service we had a very interesting talk, and prayer by Rev. N. F. Metts.

We then heard Judge D. M. Russell report on State Missions and heard a motion to adopt same which was carried. He emphasized the importance of regular and systematic giving as indicated by the budget system.

REPORT

The following visitors were recognized and offered seats in the body: Bro. W. E. Hardy and Bro. E. E. Ballard.

We next hear a further discussion of Dr. Longest's report on Foreign Missions by Rev. E. E. Ballard, who first sang (Take the name of Jesus with you). He showed how necessary it was for the churches to pay their pro-rata of the \$800,000 which the state board is trying to raise this year.

Mr. Ballard asked the churches of the Association, in order to promote this work, to appoint a publicity man and two (2) directors from each church with an organizer to carry on this business, which was carried.

REPORT

The chairman makes the report of the committee on committees as follows:

Digest of Letters

W. B. Coleman, R. F. Saunders, E. M. Taylor

Finance

R. H. McElroy, Daniel Davis

Order of Business

F. M. Purser, N. F. Metts

On Resolutions

T. C. Kimbrough, C. C. McElroy

On Nominations

J. W. Higginbotham, J. H. Street, Lee Davis

Resolutions

G. C. McElroy, Christopher Longest

The chairman asks Mr. Murray Taylor to give a talk on B. Y. P. U. work, who responded with a worth while discussion of this phase of work. He showed how important it was. An organization so important for all the

churches, and not just for the large churches, and how important this training was for our young people; its loyalty to other church organizations.

Our Moderator now gives us a report on Sunday School work in our county.

The question now arises about the suggested budget by our corresponding secretary, R. G. Gunter.

We hear a motion by Dr. F. M. Purser and second which was carried to amend the report on State Missions so as to strike out of the paragraph giving sums to be raised by the churches, the names of those churches not in this Association.

And that we further as an Association simply refer to the churches in the Association the amounts recommended by the State Mission Board and ask the churches to act on these sums and report to the State Mission Board direct.

Next comes Mr. R. H. McElroy's report on Associational Missions which will be discussed later.

We next had a talk by Bro. W. E. Hardy on grouping churches, which is carried over till tomorrow.

The body hears a motion which was seconded to adjourn to meet at 7:15 this P. M.

The evening service was held in memory of Bro. W. I. Hargis. Song service 7:15 led by Bro. W. E. Hardy. Speakers: R. H. McElroy, subject: Bro. Hargis as a friend; W. B. Coleman, subject: Bro. Hargis as a pastor; Bro. N. F. Metts, subject: Bro. Hargis as a citizen.

Bro. F. M. Purser. Text: If you love me, keep my Commandments.

Adjourned to meet at 9:00 A. M. tomorrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING

House called to order by Moderator at 10:00 o'clock, who sang "Only trust Him" and a few other selections.

Devotion led by Bro. B. S. Mize, who read from St. John, 17th chapter.

After song service Prayer by Bro. N. F. Metts.

We now take up Mr. R. H. McElroy's report on Associational Missions, which was adopted with the amendment offered by Dr. F. M. Purser.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON

1st. Song No. 62—"He Keeps Me Singing."

2nd. Sand 147 "On Jordon's Stormy Banks."

Moderator calls for quotations from the Bible which was responded to by a goodly number present.

Bro. N. F. Metts now brings a report on "Orphonage." Same was ably discussed and adopted.

REPORT

Bro. Estus Rushing now reads his report on "Christian Education." After Bro. Rushing's discussion on the report we hear other interesting talks by Bros. Metts and Roberts.

We now hear the reading of the report on Hospitals by the clerk, which was carried.

"Newell Bethel" church now comes with her letter and delegates asking to join us and after consideration "Newell Bethel" was gladly accepted into the Lafayette County Baptist Association.

After hearing a motion and second that a committee be appointed to draw up Resolutions and spread on the minutes of the Association same was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

Be it resolved by the Lafayette County Association that we render our thanks to the church at "Tula" for the generous hospitality in entertaining the delegates from the various churches; for their abundant and excellent refreshments; for their hospitality in their homes and for the use of their church building.

G. C. McELROY,
CHRISTOPHER LONGEST.

Dr. F. M. Purser makes a motion which was carried that Bro. N. F. Metts be moderator and Bro. Estus Rushing preach the sermon at our next Association.

The congregation joins in singing No. 139—"Blessed be the tie that binds."

Closing prayer by Bro. N. F. Metts.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Mississippi College

The progress of Christian education among Baptists in Mississippi since 1900 has been beyond human attainments. Captain Ratliff said that in his boyhood Baptists were called "poor and ignorant" but that our Denominational schools and those that were Baptist schools though not owned by the Convention, had contributed a large share to bring to pass the refutation of the charges of ignorance."

In 1900 there was one school under the control of the Baptist State Convention, that of Mississippi and it poorly equipped with only one brick building on the campus. Today we have five excellent brick buildings valued at \$25,000, and a large gymnasium being built at a cost of \$100,000, and this amount is raised by private contributions of the former students and graduates. This college is a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Last session the enrollment reached 497, and gave degrees to 85 which was the largest number of graduates in all of its history.

There are twenty-one members of the faculty; six of whom hold B. D. degrees.

Mississippi Woman's College

Mississippi Woman's College has had an enrollment for the past four years of 500.

The property of the college consists of fifty acres of campus, nine buildings and valued at \$350,000.

The college is on the Secondary or approved list of Southern Association. An endowment campaign is now being carried on to raise one-half million

dollars by November 1, necessary to become an A-1 college.

The Bible is one of the principle departments of the college.

Clarke College

Clarke College is a co-educational Junior college owned and controlled by the Baptist of the state.

The enrollment has doubled within the past two years.

The religious atmosphere is very fine. For the past two sessions this college has been awarded the college B. Y. P. U. Banner.

There has been completed on the campus a \$50,000 Administration building.

The graduating class of 1925 was the largest in its history. Clarke college is now a standard Junior college.

Blue Mountain College

Blue Mountain College was the last of the four colleges owned by the Baptist of the state to come under control of the Convention. However, this great institution has been a Baptist center for a half century.

The college expects soon to have the endowment required by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools to become a member of same. The requirements for entrance are the same as any A-1 college. The A. B. Graduates receive a Professional License to teach in all public and high schools in the state.

Unusual advantages are given in Piano, Violin, Pipe Organ, Voice, Culture, Art, Home Economics, Expression and Physical Training.

SOUTH WIDE INSTITUTIONS

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is located at Louisville, Kentucky. There were 415 ministerial students enrolled last session, which surpassed all previous records with the exception of two. The buildings and equipment have been insufficient for several years on account of the growing student body. The Seminary is located in the heart of the city and thus is very noisy and crowded. A building enterprise is now in progress and they are hoping to move into the new buildings by the first of the year. The cost of this new plant is estimated at two million dollars. Funds for this purpose are being raised through private subscription and allotment made to the Seminary through the 1925 program.

The Southwestern Baptist Seminary was formally transferred to the Southern Baptist Convention February 20, 1925. This institution has a faculty of 40 fine teachers, and a student body of about 600. The buildings, lands, equipment and endowment are estimated at two millions of dollars. The Seminary is organized into four schools—Theology, Religious, Education, Gospel Music and Missionary Training. 105 were graduated last session in all departments. This institution is located at Fort Worth, Texas.

The Baptist Bible Institute is located at New Orleans, La. This school opened its doors seven years ago with seventy-eight students and five mem-

bers in the faculty. The past session closed with an enrollment of two hundred sixty-seven and thirteen teachers and ten tutors. The property is valued at \$668,000. There is need for more buildings and equipment to take care of the growing student body. The Institute is fulfilling a great mission in New Orleans.

REPORT

The Finance Committee submits the following report:

Collected for Minutes.....	\$52.25
Missions	12.00
TOTAL	\$64.25

We have turned over the above amounts to the treasurer.

R. H. McELROY,
DANIEL DAVIS,
Committee.

The following churches report B. Y. P. U.'s: Oxford—Presidents, Miss Lucile Hathorne, Miss Nettie Coffey, Miss Ruby Mooney, Postoffice, Oxford, Miss.

Clear Creek—President, Miss Inez Briscoe.

The following churches report Woman's Auxiliary organizations. Presidents—Mrs. J. B. Wooten, Oxford; Miss Robbie Eades, Oxford; Mrs. P. L. Rainwater, Oxford.

Sunbeams—Mrs. Clyde Huggins, Oxford.

New Prospect. President—Mrs. A. C. McElreath, Oxford.

Clear Creek. President—Miss Annie Crow, Oxford, Route 2.

Sunbeams. Mrs. G. C. McElroy, Oxford, Route 2.

LIST OF MESSENGERS

Taylor. H. H. Bunch; J. C. Hurd'e; J. D. Hamilton.

Oxford. Rev F. M. Purser; Dr. C. Longest; A. J. Wilds; Mrs. A. J. Wilds; R. H. McElroy; Rev. N. F. Metts.

New Hope. W. A. Fulmer; H. D. Wooten; A. P. Morrison; Nevel Stephens; Miss Enla Morrison; Miss Sallie Perkins.

Yellow Leaf. Mrs. A. A. Billingsley; B. S. Mize.

Shiloh. Claud Vines; B. T. Wimber; J. H. Hall; R. P. Crowson.

Philadelphia. W. F. Baker; W. T. Hale; Miss Nettie M. Parks; B. F. Mayfield.

Harmony. R. F. Saunders; O. G. Smith; J. M. Deshazor.

Bethel. W. J. M. Purvis; J. D. Wooten; W. E. Purvis.

Dillard. W. P. Haley; J. T. Dulin; J. E. Tramel.

Newel Bethel. Mrs. Zula Gessett; Mrs. Fannie Shark; Miss Geneva Hill.

Tula. R. B. Wooten; H. L. Davis; Miss Clyde Pascal; Mrs. W. B. Coleman.

Bay Springs. R. B. Harris; G. D. Roberts.

Concord. S. A. Littleton; Mrs. S. A. Littleton; A. B. Royal; Mrs. A. J. Turpin; Paul Tatum.

Clear Creek. G. C. McElroy; Mrs. P. N. Shipp; Annie Crow; R. L. Evans; G. C. Childress; M. L. Waller.

Union West. R. H. Hollowell; Bert Kinzey; J. P. Caughman; Luther Varner; Cruie Tatum; R. C. Cummins.

New Prospect. Virgil Echols; Clarence Brown; Mrs. Clarence Brown; Mrs. Vallie McElreath; Miss Nilda King.

Paris. W. J. Morehead; D. F. Hoyle; Mrs. Ora Harvey; Mrs. D. F. Hoyle.

A J. WILDS, Moderator,
L L. ROEBUCK, Clerk.

The Baptist Memorial Hospital was opened for patients July 12, 1912. During these thirteen years more than 85,000 patients have been treated. During the first six months of 1925, 537 were admitted.

Many improvements have been made during the past year. Conditions for the charity patients have been much improved by moving the wards to the second floor.

The free service for the first six months of this year amounted to \$64,023.41; of this \$53,464.61 was in the charity wards. The complimentary service for ministers and their dependants amounted to \$3,039.30, the balance was for doctors and nurses. Total for first six months 1925.....\$192,739.83.

The training school has 57 graduates this year. This leaves room for other qualified applicants. Mississippi Baptist Hospital is near the close of its fifteenth year and the work has developed amazingly since its origin. During these years it has cared for hundreds. The free work alone running into thousands of dollars with the free work of doctors in the relief of suffering humanity. At the present we have about completed our \$50,000.00 nurse's home. We will still owe a balance of \$27,000.00 on the building.

We have 43 bed rooms, one living room, three dons, one chapel. We are badly in need for furniture for the rooms.

The hospital at New Orleans is well under construction. The Southern Baptist Convention instructed the Home Mission Board to pay \$250,000.00 to this work for the year of 1925.

The Southern Baptist Sanatorium at El Paso, Texas is doing efficient work. This is the first instance in history of the Southern Baptist Convention that they have undertaken to build a hospital for those who are suffering from the Great White Plague. The free work of the Sanatorium amounted to \$13,134.84 during the past year.

Last year 237 of the 287,000 in the south who are suffering from the Great White Plague were treated in this Sanatorium.

There is a great need for enlarging this Hospital as the work has grown so rapidly that numbers have to be turned away from its doors every day for the lack of rooms, and means for the free patients.

The Sanatorium is worth \$55,000.00 and is doing a work of which every one should be proud.

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. GRAMEL.

CHURCH STATISTICS

CHURCH DIRECTORIES

CHURCHES	City, Town, Village or County Church?	When Constituted.	Pastors and Postoffices	Treasures and Postoffices.	Members S. S.	
					Total Membership.	Enrolled.
Concord	C	1872	N. F. Metts, Oxford	A. J. Turpin, Taylor	59	
Tula	T	1872	J. W. Roberts, Blue Springs		169 1	74
Bethel	C	1841	J. W. Cormack, Kilmichael	W. D. Purvis, Oxford, R.	26	
Oxford	T	1842	F. M. Purser, Oxford	G. F. Heard, Oxford	491 1	360
New Prospect	C	1913	J. W. Cormack, Kilmichael	T. W. Brown, Oxford, R.	159 1	79
New Hope	C	1879	E. Rushing, Tyro	Sallie Perkins, Tyro	177 1	51
Paris	T	1895	D. F. Hoyle, Paris	R. M. Brafier, Paris	60 1	60
Harmony	C		Estus Rushing, Tyro	R. F. Saunders, Tyro	97	
Taylor	C		E. Cansey, Clinton	J. T. Knight, Taylor	151 1	66
Dillard	C	1902	J. E. Tramel, Oxford	W. P. Haley, Oxford	75	
Clear Creek	C		N. F. Metts, Oxford	G. C. McElroy, Oxford	146 1	75
Newell Bethel	C	1914	A. B. Royal, Taylor	Miss G. Hill, Tula	60 1	32
Bay Springs	C	1887	F. M. Purser, Oxford	Mrs. M. W. Roberts, Ox.	100	
Shiloh	C	1852	W. M. Brown, Ecu	R. D. Crowson, Denmark	113	
Yellow Leaf	C		N. F. Metts, Oxford	L. Fudge, Oxford R.	99	
Union West	C	1921	J. H. Street, Clinton	S. L. Gray, Taylor	104 1	105
Philadelphia	C		A. J. Jonet, Myrtle	J. J. Bounds, Etta	140 1	100

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Members	S. S.	BYPU's	W.M.U.	Church Finances			Church Property			
Total Membership.	Enrolled.	Total Number.	Total Organizations.	Total Contributions.	Gifts for Support of Local Church Work.	Gifts for all Missions, Education and Benevolences.	Total Contributions.	Value of Church Houses and Grounds.	Value of Pastors' Homes.	
59				\$ 2.50	\$ 137.70	\$ 20.75	\$ 152.45	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
169 1	74				263.42	21.62	285.04	1,500.00		
26					88.65	12.00	100.65	1,000.00		
491 1	360	3	180	4	184.62	5648.13	10263.22	22,000.00		
159 1	79			1	45.00	296.00	296.00	200.00		
177 1	51					244.35	244.35	3,000.00		
60 1	60					215.00	36.00	251.00		500.00
97						274.16		274.16		2,000.00
151 1	66	1	21	1		486.50	31.00	517.50		400.00
75						185.00		185.00		200.00
146 1	75	1	10	2	33.00	440.10	1002.65	1442.75		6,000.00
60 1	32					96.90	6.00	102.90		
100						140.00	23.00	163.00		300.00
113						120.16		120.16		1,000.00
99						534.16	127.10	661.76	1,000.00	
104 1	105					381.23	72.74	453.97	2,000.00	
140 1	100					298.00	7.00	305.00	700.00	

REPORT ON MISSIONS

Read By Christopher Longest

It is well, in any consideration of Missions, to realize the connection between doctrine and the spread of doctrine, or propaganda, if you please. It cannot be conceived that one may adhere to the doctrines that Christ taught, without having some interest in the spread of these doctrines. This means Missions. It is well too, to recognize that the usual and convenient division of Missions into home, state and foreign is nothing more than a convenience, and that the same spirit promotes all these, and makes of them one course, not three.

If there are destitute places in our own state, they should have the Gospel. This is Home Missions. If there are destitute places in our foreign lands they, too, should have the Gospel. This is Foreign Missions. So between these we should be careful not to allow patriotic or business considerations to incline us to be one as opposed to the others. Let us, for example, cherish the same interest in the Mission work in South Mexico as we do for that on our Texas border. Our Missionary Zeal should honor the Lord as well in Russia as on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Laying aside, however, these general ideas of the work, let us take a glance at some outstanding phases of the work as promoted by our denomination. Our Missionary secretaries report greater progress in all Mission fields, they indicate that there is greater readiness to hear the Gospel, and statistics confirm their statements.

We would not burden you with statistics, but you are asked to hear these: We have in the foreign fields 1,100 churches with 118,000 members; 1,500 Sunday Schools with 84,000 pupils, with 539 Missionaries. The work, however, in many places is largely carried on by native forces, preachers, teachers in Mission schools, Sunday School teachers and officers, Bible men and women, etc.

On the other hand, you should know certain facts of a somewhat unpleasant nature, closely related to our work. Hear some of them:

1. The Foreign Mission Board has a debt of \$1,250,000, even in the face of retrenchment, that has been made necessary for our forces.
2. There are five fewer missionaries than we had last year, 25 new ones sent out through the generosity of friends, and 30 resigned for various reasons.
3. Following close on the preceeding is our failure to employ enthusiastic volunteers, who being diverted to other work may be lost from Missionary activity.
4. Failure to take advantage of opportunities to purchase to advantage lots and buildings and otherwise to increase our work.
5. Southern Baptist send abroad only five cents in each dollar devoted to religious purposes. This is both unfair and unfaithful.

Respectfully submitted.

Your Committee will submit the following report on Orphanage. We have had in the Orphanage during the year an average of 172 children. We have now in the home 177. The health of the children has been

generally good. We have had two epidemics, one of "flu" and one of "mumps." We have had 5 operations for appendicitis, and 29 for tonsillitis. The health of the children is excellent now and has been during the spring and summer.

We have 8 months school during the year, and most of the children made their grades. We have a good Sunday School and good Intermediate and Junior B. Y. P. U.'s. 19 of our children were baptized into fellowship of Davis Memorial Church during our revival.

We have prospects for a good crop.

Our finances are running short. You will see from the GEM each month we are not getting more than one-third of our expenses. Our surplus fund that we have been drawing on for two years is about out, and we will have to look to our Churches and Sunday Schools for our living. If all the Churches would make liberal contributions to our Benevolent causes, the Orphanage, as well as all other subjects, would be amply provided for. We are leaving it to the Associations to make their own plans to take care of our orphan children.

Your committee would urge the Lafayette County Association to come to its rescue.

N. F. METTS.

We, the committee on nominations, respectfully submit the following report:

Officers: Auber J. Wilds, Moderator; L. L. Roebuck, Clerk.

Place of next meeting: Concord church.

To preach the sermon: Rev. N. F. Metts.

Alternate: Rev. D. F. Hoyle.

Time: Tuesday after the first Sunday in September 1926.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. HIGGINBOTHAM,

H. L. DAVIS,

J. H. STREET,

Committee on Nominations.

Moved and seconded that report on Associational Missions be amended, requesting our Moderator to appoint a committee of three members to investigate the possibility of establishing Baptist Sunday Schools and possibly a Baptist church in the College Hill and Tallahatchie neighborhood, and take such steps as the committee may deem wise, without involving the Association in a financial way.

Voted. Moderator also suggested that this committee try to locate a church and confer with the State Board about building in this territory.

I understand Associational Missions to mean the Evangelizing of our own county, since our Associational work is limited to the county.

That some work of this kind is needed, is very evident by the fact that it is one of the subjects for discussion in this body. We do not believe, however, that the need is of such magnitude as to warrant our appealing to our

State Board for help, but we do believe that it is of sufficient magnitude and importance as to awake every Christian from their state of lethargy and arouse them to action.

There are some communities in our county which have very few religious privileges and are really Mission fields white unto the harvest.

The fact that such places do exist after almost one hundred years of Christian civilization in our county, is to our eternal shame, to sit still and any longer ignore this "Macedonian Call" is depriving ourselves of a golden opportunity for Christian service. A service that will not only enlarge and enrich our souls, but will be carrying out the injunction of our Master, when He said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

The first great step as we see it in meeting this need is for our live churches to group themselves in sufficient numbers as to bring several active resident ministers into our county whom we believe would be glad to give their spare time to these destitute localities.

Second: The Christian men and women of our live churches should band themselves together and go out into these needy places and organize community prayer meetings in the homes of the people and thus win first their confidence, second, their love and then their souls and lives for their Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. McELROY.

Report on Sunday School work in Lafayette County for 1925.

Submitted to Lafayette County Association.

Number Baptist Churches in County.....	22
Number reporting on Sunday School work.....	16
Number having evergreen Sunday School.....	11
Number observing Children's Week.....	3
Number churches having Sunday School Normals.....	4
Number awards given in County.....	35
Number given in Normal Manual.....	29
Number given in Winning to Christ.....	6

Sunday School in county is taking an upward turn. A greater number seem to be interested in the work, and working at it, than ever before. Trained teachers and officers seem to be the greatest need in the county churches.

Let us pray that more of our people will "Study to show themselves approved unto God, workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA WRIGHT,

County Sunday School worker.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

The superlative importance of State Missions arises out of two facts which are fundamental: first, the Master gave state missions first place in the Great Commission when He directed the disciples to go first to Judea from Jerusalem, the local church; second, all missionary enterprises depend

for their success, under God (upon the men and means furnished by the home base, State Missions.

It is therefore inconceivable that any Christian can oppose state missions on principle, or that he can seriously oppose the present plans and programs of our State Convention Board for carrying forward the work of state missions in our own state; unless of course, such opposing brother has a plan which he really believes to be a better one, and he is himself faithfully and effectually following that better method.

As all informed Baptist know, all of our state mission work for many years has been under the direction of the State Convention Board, as the agency of the State Convention, and more particularly under the supervision of our worthy and able Corresponding Secretary, at present, Dr. R. B. Gunter. Activity in state mission work accomplished through other agencies than the State Convention Board during the past decade has been negligible.

It is likewise well known among Baptists that the present plan of prosecuting our state mission work is through what is termed the budget system, which has been approved by the State Convention, and operated in its details through the Corresponding Secretary and his associates and assistants. Among the many advantages which this plan affords the following are outstanding: First, it endeavors to make an equitable distribution of state mission funds among the several causes fostered thereby; second, it directs individual attention to each of the several causes and emphasizes the same in due proportion; third, it promotes intelligent, regular contributions from the individual, and a fairly safe basis upon which the corresponding secretary may make his calculations for the current year. Reference to the minutes of former sessions of this association will show that we have been committed as an association to the budget system for several years.

It is therefore the sense of your committee, and we believe it is the sense of this association, that every church and individual member thereof constituting part of this association should exercise all possible diligence and fidelity in bringing to a successful conclusion the 1925 state mission program; and that particular emphasis should be given the same during the month of October.

It is further the sense of your committee, and we believe of this association, that the program for 1926, as outlined by our worthy corresponding secretary, Dr. Gunter, should be adopted in its general plan, and in its details insofar as the same may be applicable to the peculiar condition of the several churches, as our working basis for the year 1925. The general plan for the state is as follows:

For W. M. U. work, \$7,500; for B. Y. P. U. work, \$6,000; for Sunday School work, \$16,600; for Negro corresponding secretary, \$360; work among creoles, \$400; religious work at M. S. C. W., \$2,400; evangelistic and stewardship work, \$10,500; pastoral support, \$20,000; church building purposes, \$23,000; provided funds are sufficient, if not, reduce to \$15,000; for work among Indians, \$400.

Of the total budget above indicated this association is asked by Dr. Gunter to undertake to raise an aggregate of \$11,850.00 for 1926, the amounts suggested for each church as follows:

Abbeville, \$250; Antioch, \$100; Bay Springs, \$250; Bethel, \$200; Bluff

Springs, \$150; Clear Creek, \$700; Concord, \$200; Cypress Creek, \$150; Dillard, \$300; Harmony, \$250; Live Oak, \$300; London Hill, \$100; Midway, \$100; New Hope, \$350; New Prospect, \$275; Oxford, \$6,500; Paris, \$200; Philadelphia, \$300; Shiloh, \$125; Taylor, \$300; Tula, \$300; Union (West), \$200; Yellow Leaf, \$250.

Our Board now has employed in the various fields of its work quite a number of consecrated, efficient workers, among them being; J. E. Byrd, Sunday School department; Auber J. Wilds and Miss Sallie Payne Morgan E. C. Williams, Wyatte Hunter, Howard Spell and Miss Minnie Brown, in the in the B. Y. P. U. department; Miss M. M. Lackey, Miss Fannie Taylor, Mrs. A. J. Aven and Miss Mamie Slaughter in W. M. U. department; Rev. W. W. Kyzar and W. E. Berry in evangelistic department; Rev. E. E. Ballard Baptist Record circulation and advertising department; and Rev. J. S. Deaton in Stewardship and Budget department. In addition, the Board is helping to pay the salaries of sixty-two pastors and assisting 118 churches.

On account of a shortage of about \$50,000 for the current year the Board has been compelled to greatly curtail its work in many particulars where the need was urgent and the field had been fruitful in the past.

To the end that this association may be better organized and prepared to do its own work more effectively among the constituent churches, and in order that a more perfect co-operation may be established with the State Convention Board in the prosecution of its plans and purposes, your committee recommends the creation of this association of an Executive Board, composed of the Moderator of the association, the State Board member, the clerk, vice-president of W. M. U. as ex-officio members, and one member from each church composing the association, such last named members to be appointed by the Moderator of the association upon the recommendation of the respective churches. Your committee suggests that the action of the association in creating this executive committee and the names and addresses of those who shall constitute said committee should be reported to Dr. Gunter by the Moderator promptly upon the completion of the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

SUGGESTED B. Y. P. U. REPORT

This report will set forth briefly some facts and figures, ideas and ideals regarding the B. Y. P. U., the Training Department of our churches. Much has been said and much more is to be said on the subject, for no department of our denominational work has made such rapid advances or promises so great a future as does the B. Y. P. U. work. As we look back to ten years ago, we see only 5,400 B. Y. P. U.'s, with a membership of 22,470 operating in the Southern Baptist Convention. In ten years we have grown to where we are able to report 17,739 B. Y. P. U.s. with an enrollment of 552,504, more than half a million, and as a record of definite study by our young people with reference to our denominational life, church membership and B. Y. P. U. methods we gave out 94,500 B. Y. P. U. awards during the year 1924, whereas ten years ago we had a very simple course of study with a very few who seriously studied any book.

The present plan of organization of the B. Y. P. U. makes it a definite

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Training Department of the church, taking in practically every member of the church. It therefore ceases to be an organization for a select few. The modern idea of the B. Y. P. U. finds expression in "The General B. Y. P. U. Organization." The General B. Y. P. U. Organization is very much like the Sunday School organization with a General Director and other general officers with a joint meeting each Sunday of all the B. Y. P. Us. of the church in either an opening or closing exercise with a general Standard of Excellence as a guide for the combined work of all unions of the church. Each department, Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Adult continues to be a complete organization within itself with its officers, committees, etc., and of course its own Standard of Excellence. We have splendid literature on the "General B. Y. P. U. Organization," consisting of a book "A General B. Y. P. U. Organization" and tracts that may be had for the asking.

The 'Associational B. Y. P. U.' still ranks as our best propagating agency. Through it we can reach every church in the association for B. Y. P. U. work. (Give here some facts concerning your own Associational B. Y. P. U. If you have one, tell of its work. If your Association is not organized, discuss the need of it in your Association. (You can get a good tract on the Associational B. Y. P. U. work by writing the B. Y. P. U. Department, Box 520, Jackson, Miss.)

No longer can it be said that only the city and town church can have a B. Y. P. U., for we find some of our best B. Y. P. Us. in the far-removed country church. Our record for Mississippi shows that 4 per cent of B. Y. P. Us. in the state are in rural churches (counting all villages of 1,000 population and under as rural.) Every church could and should have a fully graded department including the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior unions. The B. Y. P. U. can be organized in any church where there is ONE person who is willing to study and learn the work, and then willing to stick by the job.

Our State Secretary, Mr. Wilds, has set as our "Aim and Goal" for this year, 1,500 B. Y. P. Us. and a thousand churches with a B. Y. P. U. Last year we reached our goal, and we are hoping that this may be true this year. We now have more than eleven hundred (1100) B. Y. P. Us. in the State.

We recommended that every church in our association undertake the organization of a B. Y. P. U. If you think you need help, write to Mr. Auber J. Wilds, Oxford, Mississippi, State B. Y. P. U. Secretary, who will be glad to help any church to get started in the work.

Leaf River Baptist Association

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1913, 1915, 1916, 1919, 1920

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